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Kindly refer to the attachment. Thank you.

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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

We are writing to make our public comments in support of the Microsoft antitrust settlement. We are glad to hear that your office is supporting the settlement. Microsoft has been a very beneficial company for America. Microsoft should not be broken up, like AT&T was, or dragged through eighteen years of litigation, like IBM was. That would not be in the public interest of America.

Microsoft is making numerous concessions of its legal rights and business practices in the settlement. Microsoft did not get off easy. It will open up its internal interface codes for its Windows programs and license its other intellectual property on non-discriminatory terms. Microsoft will make it easy for computer builders, software companies and users to take out the software it includes in Windows, like Internet Explorer, Windows Media Player, Windows Messenger, and utilities programs, and replace it with non-Microsoft products. Companies like AOL Time Warner, RealNetworks, and Symantec will benefit from these changes. Assurance of Microsoft's compliance will come from the oversight provided by a government-sponsored technical committee of three software experts, who will also receive and investigate complaints. Taken together, these terms address the issues in the lawsuit, go beyond the issues in the suit, and assist Microsoft's partners and competitors. The settlement will be good for the economy by removing the dark cloud of uncertainty of the lawsuit, and letting the American technology industry concentrate again on making the useful innovations for which it is world-renowned.

Thank you for your continuing support of an end to the lawsuit with the comprehensive settlement. We hope that the federal judge, newly appointed to the case, will approve the settlement.

Sincerely,

Emanuel and Joyce Proitano

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